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The Newsletter
Autumn term no.5 – 8th October 2021
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PLEASE READ THE NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

Coming up:

- Harvest Celebration on **Friday 8th October** in school. Any donations of food for the celebration would be greatly appreciated as we will be sending everything collected to the foodbank in Penwortham. The response has been brilliant so thank you so much for supporting the Harvest Festival this year. We will be posting pictures on the website and our Twitter account.

- Next week is World Mental Health Week and as a school we will be recognising and highlighting the importance of mental health in our Collective Worships and PSHE lessons.

- Reception children are going to visit Longton Library on **Thursday 14th October.** Please ensure your child has a waterproof jacket as we will be walking whatever the weather!

- Tower Wood residential visit from Wednesday 23rd – Friday 25th March 2022 for children in Year 6. Please return the permission slip to school asap and a £20.00 non-refundable deposit to be paid through ParentPay no later than **Friday 15th October** (letter issued 15th September).

- Borwick Hall outdoor activities extended day on Friday 18th March 2022 for children in Year 5. Please return the permission slip to school asap and a £10.00 non-refundable deposit to be paid through ParentPay no later than **Friday 15th October** (letter issued today).

- As a school we will be celebrating the 4th National Forest Schools Day during the final 2 weeks before half term. Every class will have dedicated Forest School sessions with the focus on leaves so look out for some lovely photos on the Class Pages.

- Y6 pupils will be involved in their first major sports tournament of the year on Tuesday 19th October. It is a Tag Rugby tournament and Mr Mears will be sending letters home to the selected team next Monday.

- Due to October half term, Supplementary Faith Forms for All Hallows are to be handed in to school by **Wednesday 22nd October at the latest**. After this date, forms should be handed to All Hallows direct but remember the closing date for Secondary School Admissions is **31st October 2021.** A school prospectus from All Hallows has been sent home with children in Y6 today.

- The PTFA are already planning fundraising events for this term so the first event will be a dress up day on the theme of Hallowe'en on Thursday 21st October, a great way to end the first half term in school! The children can come to school in a Hallowe'en costume for the day and donate £1 or £2 into the bucket which will be at the gate on the day. If your child does not like dressing up they can wear a Hallowe'en colour for the day!

- School finishes at 3.15pm on Thursday 21st October for Half Term (After School Club will be running on this day) We re-open on Monday 1st November.

COVID-19:

We have sent a 'Warn and Inform' letter from Public Health England to Year 6 parents yesterday. Please see attached.

We will be monitoring the situation carefully and ask that you do not send your child to school if they are ill.

Hand, foot, and mouth disease:

Lancashire County Council have asked us to share the information attached regarding hand, foot and mouth disease, symptoms and management.

And finally…

Once again a big thank you to everyone for being vigilant about symptoms, lateral flow testing etc You are helping to keep staff as healthy as we can be so your children can be taught every day! With this in mind, we will be doing the Autumn Term Parents Evening by phone calls after half term. Details will be in the next weeks newsletter.

As always, please do get in touch if you have any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely

B Wood
Headteacher